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A U.S. congressman is calling on Egypt to release a popular human rights blogger from prison.

"Kareem Amer, as he is known on the blogosphere, was sentenced to four years in prison in February 2007 solely for what he wrote on his blog condemning Islamic extremism and the treatment of women," notes Rep. Mark Steven Kirk, Illinois Republican.

The congressman points out that Egypt is one of the largest recipients of U.S. aid and, "We should ensure that the partners of ours of this magnitude are also dedicated to the freedom of expression."